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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Soviet Depots in Biesenthal</u>	25X1	
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT		
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. On 4 August 1954, it was determined that the Soviet ordnance and equipment depot southwest of the Biesenthal railroad station was bisected by a fence. Soviet officers, EM and German workers were searched for lighters and matches prior to entering the southern section of the installation. About 50 x 85-mm AT guns, about 40 x 120-mm mortars and about 200 ammunition boxes measuring 120 x 50 x 40 cm were seen in this section. The motor pool of the depot included 8 trucks, 1 Dodge vehicle and 1 prime mover. 25X1

The installation housed the armory formerly stationed in Finow under Major Bralazov (fnu); a senior lieutenant who was previously identified in Finow was deputy. The unit also included 5 officers and 30 EM. The ordnance and equipment depot previously stationed in Finow was also stationed there. The total occupation of the depot numbered 1 lieutenant colonel, 2 majors, 10 to 12 other officers and about 100 EM. 25X1

2. On 5 and 10 August, about 100 to 150 mortars of 120 mm, 30 to 50 AT guns of 85 mm and 3 M-13 rocket launchers were seen in the Soviet ordnance and equipment depot at Biesenthal. 1 25X1

3. The following is a list of rail shipments which arrived at, or were dispatched from the ordnance and equipment depot in Biesenthal in July 1954:
B - Boxcar; F/S - Flatcar with Sideracks

Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To	
6	11 F/S	26 x 120-mm mortars, 7 x 57-mm AT guns ammunition	Satzkorn	Biesenthal, C1011	25X1
	4 B				
17	3 B	5 x 120-mm mortars	"	"	1
7	3 B	military goods, 20 tons	Fuerstenwalde	"	25X1
14	1 B	gasoline, 8 tons	Velten	"	

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17	7 B	military goods 60 tons	Lieberose	Biesenthal, 01011
18	6 B	", 80 tons	Jueterbog	"
21 and 30	2 B	", 25 tons	Prenzlau	"
4	2 B	", 8 tons	Biesenthal 01011	Lieberose
18	2 B	military goods	"	Haldensleben
18	2 B	"	"	Dranse
23	3 B	"	"	Jueterbog
28	1 B	", 9 tons	"	Satzkorn

4. The following is a list of rail shipments which arrived at, or were dispatched from, the Biesenthal fuel depot in July 1954:

T - Tank Car

Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
10	4 T	gasoline, 46 tons	Grosskorbetha	Biesenthal
13	4 T	" 45 tons	"	"
20	4 T	" 43 tons	"	"
30	2 T	" 25 tons	"	"
8	1 T	" 12 tons	Velten	"
13	1 T	" 10 tons	"	"
16	2 B	" 24 tons	"	"
18	2 B	" 10 tons	Altstrelitz	"
21	1 B	" 4 tons	"	"
23	6 B	" 40 tons	"	"
3	2 B	" 16 tons	Vogelsang	"
27	1 T	" 12 tons	Satzkorn	"
4	1 T	" 13 tons	Biesenthal	Lieberose
10	1 T	" 11 tons	"	"
24	1 T	" 12 tons	"	"
21	2 T	" 41 tons	"	Oranienburg
28	2 T	" 24 tons	"	Schleife
31	1 B	" 10 tons	"	Kummersdorf

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Comment. It is known that ordnance repair shops are available with the ordnance and equipment depots of the armies.

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Major

Bralazov (fnu) is head of the ordnance workshop. Contradictory information on the number of 120-mm mortars available at the depot has been obtained. The figure in paragraph 2 appears more probably since, according to paragraph 3, 31 mortars from Satzborn alone arrived at the depot. In any case, the figure of 100 to 150 mortars at the depot in Biesenthal is very interesting.

Comment. The volume of supply traffic of the Fourth Gds Mech Army fuel depot at Biesenthal remained unchanged.

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receiving units were the following:

Army troops of the Fourth Gds Mech Army
32d AAA Div
7th Gds Mech Div
6th Gds Mech Div
25th Tank Div
56th Motor Transport Regt
Air Force units.

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